

1 **System and Method for
Third Party Logging Server**

ABSTRACT

A system and method for a third party logging server
5 to keep track of sales by online merchants of copyrighted
works. Providers of copyrighted works, such as publishers
and authors, register with the third party logging server
and acquire an authentication mechanism to use the server,
such as a username and password. The providers upload
10 digital works and royalties corresponding to the works to
the third party logging proxy server. Online merchants
register with the third party logging proxy server and also
acquire an authentication mechanism to use the server. The
merchant downloads works and royalty rates to the
15 merchant's computer for online sales. The merchant also
downloads software that informs the third party logging
proxy server whenever the merchant makes a sale. The
server keeps track of the sale. The server collects
royalty payments from merchants. The server also
20 calculates and sends providers their royalty payments.

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